



A SERVICE OF THE WORD
Sunday, June 19, 2022
Father's Day---Second after Pentecost
St. Mark's/St. James United Church of Christ

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*"This is My Father's world. O, let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world. The battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth, and heaven be one."*

Maltbie O. Babcock

Meditative Music
Bells Ring
Prelude Gathering for Worship:

This Is My Father's World

CALL TO WORSHIP

Glory be to God who lives and reigns, now and forevermore. Amen
We praise God for creating this world in all its beauty and abundance;
We praise Jesus Christ for redeeming this world from its darkness and sin;
We praise the Holy Spirit for calling us together as the body of Christ.
Glory be to God, now and forevermore. Amen

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe in You, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to Your deeds we testify: You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death. You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin. You judge people and nations by Your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, You have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death, and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us Your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues and races.

You call us into Your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be Your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the Gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join Him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust You: forgiveness of sin and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, Your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in Your Realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power, be unto You. Amen.

HYMN (#282 The Hymnal)

Faith of Our Fathers

LITURGY FOR THE WOUNDED, THE TIRED, AND THE HURTING

God speaks to us through scripture, music, poetry, and prayer. David Haas is a Christian, a poet, and a musician. In a well-known hymn, Haas has composed a chorus where he envisions the voice of God speaking to us.

**“Do not be afraid, I am with you.
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home,
I love you---and you are mine.”**

Each of us has walked through the valley of the shadow of death.

We pray for victims of violence, the discouraged, and those who suffer from injustice.

We pray for children and adults who are judged by the color of their skin.

We pray for those with mental disabilities.

**“Do not be afraid, I am with you.
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home,
I love you---and you are mine.”**

We pray for those who feel powerless to change their circumstance in life.

We pray for those inwardly scarred by the harm done by others.

We pray for those who lived in places of fear and torment.

We pray for marriages and communities in disrepair.

**“Do not be afraid, I am with you.
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home,
I love you---and you are mine.”**

We pray for the broken-hearted.
We pray for the strength of those who give hope to others.
We pray for the healing comfort of children who mourn the loss of their parents.
We pray for the innocent ones of this world who suffer.

**“Do not be afraid, I am with you.
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home,
I love you---and you are mine.”**

We pray for your mercy with those who feel the weight of their sin.
We pray for your presence and friendship with the lonely.
We pray for your embrace with those are tired from the burdens they carry.
We pray for the dying, that they may your comfort.

**“Do not be afraid, I am with you.
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home,
I love you---and you are mine.”**

RESPONSE (#83 The Hymnal)

O My Soul, Bless God, the Father

PSALM 42

Psalm 42 is a prayer for healing. In this prayer, the psalmist expresses his or her need for God and the physical pain of wrestling with the absence of God. Notice in this prayer the way in which the psalmist speaks to his soul within him. First there is an expression of inner anxiety, and then an urge to ‘hope’ in God. Let us pray.....

As a deer longs for flowing streams,
so my soul longs for you, O God.

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

When shall I come and behold the face of God?

My tears have been my food day and night,
while people say to me continually, ‘Where is your God?’

These things I remember, as I pour out my soul:

**how I went with the throng and led them in procession to the house of God,
with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival.**

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

My soul is cast down within me;

**therefore I remember you from the land of Jordan and of Hermon,
from Mount Mizar.**

Deep calls to deep at the thunder of your cataracts;
all your waves and your billows have gone over me.

**By day the Lord commands his steadfast love,
and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.**

I say to God, my rock, ‘Why have you forgotten me?’

Why must I walk about mournfully because the enemy oppresses me?’

**As with a deadly wound in my body, my adversaries taunt me,
while they say to me continually, 'Where is your God?'**

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.



YOUNG AT HEART

"Shhh"

HYMN (#253 The Hymnal)

Take My Life, and Let It Be

THE GOSPEL

Luke 8:26-39

THE OLD TESTAMENT

I Kings 19:1-16

SERMON

Elijah's Depleted Spirit

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE OFFERING

Offering, tithes and gifts can be made before or after worship in the offering baskets/plates at the welcome area of the church. St. James is also set up to take on-line offerings through the website (stmstjucc.org).

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Galilean Hillside

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Please pray with me.....

Loving God, it is our delight to come before you with an offering. It brings us joy to give, to share, and to participate in the mission of your church. As we leave this place of worship, we pray that we continue to recognize the power of your grace and the human needs all around. Grant that we may be living witnesses of your mercy through Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN (#226 The Hymnal)

Dear Lord and Father of mankind

COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Recessional